

Santa Rosa County  
Emergency Medical System (EMS) Task Force Meeting  
September 7, 200 9:00AM

Chief Reble, Chairman called meeting to order in the Santa Rosa County Media Center.

Members Present:

John E. Reble  
Bob Minshull  
Dominic Persichini  
Bobby Busby

Members Absent:

Dr. Wes Mathews  
Tony Simmons  
David Burnett  
Chief Bill Markopoulous  
Bob Murphy

Staff Present:

Hunter Walker  
Sheryl Bracewell  
Rick Schuster  
Peggy McDonald

Visitors Present:

Kay Martin

The Agenda was approved as submitted (see attached).

The minutes of August 17, 2000 were tabled until September 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting due to the information concerning the letter from Captain David K. Karasek, Florida Highway Patrol to Mrs. Martin.

Sheryl Bracewell passed out response times compliance report and gave an explanation of the report.

Dominic Persichini asked Rick Schuster to give a presentation and report on the System Status for EMS calls, dates, times, shifts and shift hours which was started in June of 1999. Mr. Schuster identified shifts by unit hours.

Mr. Schuster distributed maps of areas of Santa Rosa County and explained the number of ambulances responding and response times in certain areas for a six month period.

Mrs. Bracewell stated that after studying the maps it would give vital information to where the units would be placed for response.

Mr. Persichini thanked Mr. Schuster for doing presentation on System Status.

The Task Force Committee discussed the importance of the system status.

There was no correspondence.

Chief Reble asked if we had received any Fire Department Surveys back from the fire departments.

Mrs. Bracewell stated she had received a few surveys back from different fire department. There are still some that have not returned theirs.

Chief Reble asked if any surveys had been sent to Law Enforcement agencies.

Mrs. Bracewell said no surveys have been sent to Law Enforcement agencies.

Chief Reble asked that surveys be sent to Law Enforcement agencies.

The review of the surveys was postponed until next meeting.

Mr. Persichini asked if the committee would furnish the Health Department with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

There was discussion upon distributing AED'S to Health Department, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities (ALF'S).

Chief Reble stated that the committee would have of evaluate the Health Department, nursing homes and ALF'S to assure that these facilities can be funded and are capable to receive AED'S.

Mrs. Bracewell stated she passed out five AED'S to fire departments who did not have any.

Mr. Persichini stated that Brad Baker will give training on AED'S and the Health Department will teach the training also. The training will consist of four hours CPR and eight hours AED training for first responders.

There was a discussion of doing a demonstration of the AED for the Task Force.

The committee continued its examination of paramedic transport.

Mr. Persichini stated that Rural Metro has come a long way since 1973. He explained the various improvements within the agency.

Chief Reble asked Mr. Persichini to give details on how the transition of two tier level is taking place and effectiveness of it.

Mr. Persichini said it is so new now. He explained how he can see it getting better with getting AED'S issued to agencies. He sees in the future First Responders doing IV's as well as ALS.

Chief Reble asked Mr. Persichini if he was getting any feed back, positive or negative on areas of treatment that need to be improved.

Mr. Persichini stated there have been no complaints so far with fire departments. He thinks the system works well.

Mrs. Bracewell stated from dispatch's standpoint there have been no complaints between fire departments and EMS. There have been some complaints concerning alpha calls to fire districts. They do not want to be notified of an alpha call.

There was discussion of alpha and bravo calls.

There was discussion of doing a demonstration of AEDS for the Task Force.

Mrs. Martin stated that the committee needed to get more public involvement and discussed ways of getting their input. This is very important to the Task Force Committee. She feels that surveys should be sent to people that have used the EMS services and would be a great help to the committee.

The next meeting will be September 21, 2000 at 9:00AM at the EOC in the Media Office.

Meeting was adjourned 11:10 A.M.